

Commissioners Meeting
January 17, 2012 – 8:15 A.M. CST

Meeting called to order by David Gogel. Parties present are as follows: Auditor Lynam, David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler and Attorney Jeff Lindsey.

Minutes

12/20/2011 minutes; Gogel asked that where it states jail it should say Sheriff's office under Highway Department Report Fuel Prices on page one and on page two under Community Wide Grant take out "and to install gas facilities" in second sentence. Toler made a motion to approve minutes with corrections. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor.

12/27/2011 minutes; Corrections: Under Appointments first page fifth line the word "All" should be Logsdon. Logsdon made a motion to approve minutes. Toler seconded. All were in favor.

ABR Christmas Program

Don Schulte came before the board to request the use of the court house for Friday, November 30, 2012, Saturday, December 1, 2012 and Sunday, December 2, 2012 for the ABR 2012 Christmas Program. Schulte thanked the Commissioners for the use of court house in 2011. This will be the 10th year program has been held in the court house. Logsdon made a motion to approve Schulte's request. Toler seconded. All were in favor.

Lamar Conservancy District Board

Lenn Stein, President of the Lamar Conservancy district sent a letter to the Commissioners to request Jan Stein to be reappointed to the Lamar Conservancy District Board for a three year term, to expire January 1, 2015. Logsdon made a motion to approve the appointment of Jan Stein to the board of the Lamar Conservancy District.

Toler seconded. All were in favor.

Highway Department

Superintendent Painter stated Logsdon had contacted him concerning the line being buried on old Hwy 231. Painter contacted Richard Meyer who is over all of the utility permits. Meyer first did not understand why anyone was working on old Hwy 231 as well but checked and called Painter back stating he had dropped the ball. Meyer stated that when he first received the call on the project he told party they did not need to obtain a permit due to it not being INDOT right-of-way anymore. Meyers had been told that old Hwy 231 had been turned over to the County. Logsdon stated the foreman of the fiber optic company that is laying the cable showed him a permit from INDOT. Meyer told Painter he was going to have to have the fiber optic company apply for a permit now that he had learned that the right-of-way was still INDOT's and not the Counties. Cable is being buried at least 5 foot below the ditch.

Coroner

Painter re-routed and re-insulated the Coroner water lines so water would not freeze. Painter stated the old hot water heater was no longer working. Painter replaced the old hot water heater with a new "smaller" water heater. Painter wanted to know who is paying for all this work being done by the highway department and the utility bills. Painter stated last month's gas heating bill was \$200 just for the office space coroner is using. There is no heat in the garage area. Gogel stated Coroner is on agenda they will talk with coroner about these matters.

Engineer

Huffman Mill Project

Perry County encumbered their funds so Lloyd will not have to go before their board again. Lloyd stated she is on the February agenda for the Spencer County Council to request re-appropriation of the funds for the project. Lloyd stated she turned in an additional request for 2

million dollars of CEDIT funds because there are bills that will begin to come in and we will be able to start paving in May this year instead of June. Re-bidding of the Huffman Mill Project is planned for the first meeting in March 2012.

Dale Lake Project

Lloyd stated two contractors have contacted her concerning the Dale Lake Project specs. Lloyd discussed with them what it all entails and both contractors seemed pleased. Lloyd was unsure when the bid opening was scheduled.

1875N

Lloyd obtained a bond from the 1875N Project, up near Warrick county line and forwarded it to Attorney Lindsey. Attorney Lindsey approved the bond. Lloyd approved their permit contingent that they bury the line at least 36 inches from actual surface and they were fine with this contingency. Lloyd requested them to notify her at least a couple days in advance before they are on our road doing this work.

The Way

Ron Conner came before the Commissioners to discuss "The Way" and his letter of request and proposal of \$25,000 support from the County. Conner stated that God has blessed "The Way". The people "The Way" serves is growing every day. Average cost of a prison bed is \$29,000 per year. Conner asked for a recommendation from the Commissioners for their support to the Spencer County Council for the \$25,000. There was more discussion. All three Commissioners stated their support for "The Way". All three Commissioners seconded. All were in favor. Conner stated he would be going to the Council meeting tonight to request the support from the Council of \$25,000. Gogel stated that Conner would be able to see if there is support and if supported by Council the \$25,000 dollars would have to be advertised and then approved at the February meeting of the Council.

Community Wide Communication Grant

Inter-Local Agreement

Scott Meadors came before the Commissioners to discuss the Inter-Local Agreement between Spencer County and Carter Fire District, referred to as CFD. The radio equipment purchased by the Community Wide Communication Grant they (Carter Fire District) received will be located on the Spencer County towers and Receivers sites; both parties agree to the following:

1. The County shall provide a 300' communication tower at the Spencer county Highway Garage site and a 180' tower at the Monte Cassino site at St. Meinrad.
2. CFD shall provide and install at its expense radio transmitting equipment at the two towers and on several repeater sites in the County, all of which are listed on Exhibit A.
3. The County shall be responsible for, maintain and repair the equipment so installed by CFD. CFD will provide the County the benefit of the three year warranties obtained with the newly purchased equipment. All equipment installed by CFD with the grant shall remain owned solely by CFD. At the end of the equipment use by the County, said equipment shall belong to the CFD and prior to disposal shall be offered to CFD for its use or disposal.
4. The County shall provide insurance for damages to the equipment once the equipment is operational. Any loss or damage to the equipment after it is operational, not as a result of faulty installation shall be at the expense of the County.
5. CFD shall provide oversight on the operation of the radio equipment provided by it during the three year warranty period.
6. CFD shall, through the Spencer County Fire Chief's Association designate and assign a representative to provide oversight and liaison with the County regarding continuing operation, repair and maintenance of the system so installed through the CFD grant.

Toler made a motion to approve Inter-Local Agreement. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor.

Vectren

Toler made a motion to pay Vectren claim so electrical work could begin at the Chrisney Tower site. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor.

COIT

Logsdon made a motion to request \$17,730 be appropriated from COIT 218-000401000 to pay Vectren, Fencing and concrete costs needed yet at the Chrisney Tower site. (The original request in 2011 was for \$180,000. The \$17,730 balance at end of 2011 rolled back into COIT.) Toler seconded. All were in favor.

Ordinance 2012-01

Lindsey presented An Ordinance adopting the County of Spencer, Indiana Personnel Policies Handbook; Ordinance 2012-01 to the Commissioners for their consideration and approval. Toler made a motion to suspend the rules to allow the adoption of Ordinance 2012-01 at the first

reading. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor. Toler made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2012-01. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor.

Facilitator for Settlement Funds

Facilitator meeting planned for Thursday, March 1, 2012. June Miller has been chosen as the Facilitator of this meeting to decide how the settlement funds will be handled. Parties to be present will be the Commissioners, Council, Auditor and the Redevelopment Commission and the boards Attorneys.

EMA- Panic Button system

Al Perdue came before the Commissioners to discuss the Court House Panic Button system. There are 24 systems in the court house. There is a transmitter located near the health department. Perdue stated that the County's warranty is up for renewal for \$965 dollars. The warranty company tests the system and then will renew for two years. The Commissioners decided we should do the maintenance ourselves and court house maintenance account will cover the battery costs.

Cum Cap

Toler made motion to request additional appropriation \$50,000 to pay for jail security controls systems that are obsolete and in need of replacement. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor.

Riverboat

Logsdon made a motion to request an additional appropriation of \$14,000 for completion of Personnel Handbook project. Toler seconded. All were in favor.

Tourism

Melissa Wilkinson came before the Commissioners to discuss the Tourism Annual Report. The Counties New Lodging Facilities include: 1) Silent Night Golf and Vacation Rentals has opened over by the Christmas Lake Golf Course. They had two units in 2011 and are expanding to four units this year (2012). 2) Lake Rudolph Campground and RV Resort added 25 new Lake Rudolph Christmas Cabins. 3) Santa's Cottages added four additional cottages.

Two new tourism businesses: 1) Monkey Hollow Winery near St. Meinrad and Fulda 2) Santa's Stables near Golf Course in Santa Claus. Holiday World added some children friendly rides, Restoration of the Santa Claus statue and two cabins in Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum. The Capitol Christmas Tree visited Santa Claus Indiana in December and Forbes Magazine declared the Town of Santa Claus Indiana one of the world top Christmas destinations.

St. Meinrad Water Tower

Mike Cummings came before the Commissioners to discuss the second round of the CFF Water System Improvements Project not being funded. Cummings gave the Commissioners budgets and a detailed sheet of information concerning the project. Dave Terrell had stressed not to become discouraged and to reapply for the funds for the project. A new income survey has to be completed for this next round. Applications will be due on April 20, 2012. Awards will be announced on July 13, 2012 and the First Public Hearing will be on February 7, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center in St. Meinrad. Cummings requested \$101,000 COIT appropriation. Logsdon made a motion to approve Cummings request and sponsor CFF's application. Toler seconded. All were in favor. Lindsey stated this (COIT 218-000401000 - \$101,000) would have to be re-appropriated. Toler made a motion to request \$101,000 COIT for sponsoring CFF's application to be appropriated. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor.

Fulda Regional Sewer District

Cummings requested the execution of Semi-Annual report concerning the Fulda Regional Sewer District. Logsdon made a motion Commissioners execute the Sub-recipient Semi-Annual Report for Fulda Regional Sewer District. Toler seconded. All were in favor.

Health Insurance

Gogel discussed the adjustments the Insurance Committee had suggested to the Commissioners concerning the counties health insurance coverage. Adjustment suggestions: 1) Employee contributions increase. Premium will be as follows: Employee only \$75.00/month; Employee plus child \$125/month; Employee plus spouse \$150/month; Family \$200/month. 2) Spousal Carve-out 3) Encircle Network. These adjustments were requested to be implemented April 1, 2012. There would be no change to the employee deductibles. There was deep discussion. Toler made a motion to approve the insurance committee's recommendations. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor. Voluntary Spousal Carve-out questionnaire was discussed. February 10th 2012 was discussed as a tentative date to have another insurance meeting. Wellness program and Spousal Carve-out would be topics of discussion for the next insurance meeting.

Recessed 3:00 p.m. Reconvened 3:05 p.m.

WTH

Gogel stated that a request by Jessica Brown with Core Logic was given to Commissioners to approve their use of the Counties (WTH) electronic map data in the form of an application agreement. Logsdon made a motion to approve request. Toler seconded. All were in favor.

Coroner - was not present.

Covered Bridge Certification

Auditor presented Covered Bridge Certification needed to be approved and executed. Logsdon made a motion to approve and to execute the certification. Toler seconded. All were in favor.

Adjourned

Toler made a motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. CST. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor.

Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. CST

President

Attest:

Donna J. Lynam, Auditor